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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-responsive Amendment mailed December 6, 2002, we provide the following remarks. The Notice provides a time period for response of the longer of one month or thirty days. Accordingly, this Office Action is filed within the period set by the Examiner.

## **REMARKS**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the telephonic interview granted by the Examiner on January 2, 2002 to applicants' representatives to discuss the Notice of Non-responsive Amendment. As discussed during the telephonic interview, applicants further clarify the basis for their traversal of the § 112, 1st Paragraph rejection in the following remarks.

In the Notice of Non-responsive Amendment, the Examiner indicates that applicants' Amendment and supplemental Amendment were not fully responsive to